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PETITIONARILY. *adv.* [from *petitionary*.] By way of begging the question.
 This doth but *petitionarily* infer a dextrality in the heavens, and we may as reasonably conclude a right and left laterality in the ark of Noah. *Brown.*

PETITIONARY. *n. f.* [from *petition*.]
 1. Supplicatory; coming with petitions.
 Pardon thy *petitionary* countrymen.
 It is our base *petitionary* breath. *Ben. Johnson.*
 2. Containing petitions or requests.
Petitionary prayer belongeth only to such as are in themselves impotent, and stand in need of relief from others. *Hooker.*
 I return only yes or no to *petitionary* and *petitionary* epistles of half a yard long. *Swift.*

PETITIONER. *n. f.* [from *petition*.] One who offers a petition.
 When you have received the petitions, and it will please the *petitioners* well to deliver them into your own hand, let your secretary first read them, and draw lines under the material parts. *Bacon.*
 What pleasure can it be to be encumbered with dependences, thronged and surrounded with *petitioners*? *South.*
 Their prayers are to the reproach of the *petitioners*, and to the confusion of vain desires. *L'Estrange.*
 His woes broke out, and begg'd relief.
 With tears, the dumb *petitioners* of grief. *Dryden.*
 The Roman matrons presented a petition to the fathers; this raised so much rillery upon the *petitioners*, that the ladies never after offered to direct the lawgivers of their country. *Addison.*

PETITORY. *adj.* [from *petitorius*, Lat. *petitorius*, Fr.] *Petitiorius*; claiming the property of any thing. *Ains.*

PETRE. *n. f.* [from *petra*, a stone.] Nitre; salt petre. See **NITRE**.
 Powder made of impure and greasy *petre*, hath but a weak emission, and gives but a faint report. *Brown.*
 The vessel was first well sealed to prevent cracking, and covered to prevent the falling in of any thing, that might unfavourably kindle the *petre*. *Boyle.*
 Nitre, while it is in its native state, is called *petre-lalt*, when refined salt-*petre*. *Woodward.*

PETRESCENT. *adj.* [from *petrescens*, Lat.] Growing stone; becoming stone.
 A cave, from whose arched roof there dropped down a *petrescent* liquor, which oftentimes before it could fall to the ground congealed. *Boyle.*

PETRIFICATION. *n. f.* [from *petrification*, Lat.] The act of turning to stone; the state of being turned to stone.
 Its concretion spirit has the seeds of *petrification* and gorgon within itself. *Brown.*

PETRIFACTIVE. [from *petrification*, Lat.] Having the power to form stone.
 There are many to be found, which are but the lapidescences and *petrification* mutation of bodies. *Brown.*

PETRIFY. *v. a.* [from *petrification*, Fr. *petrification*, Lat.] To form by changing other matter to stone.
 In these strange *petrifications*, the hardening of the bodies seems to be effected principally, if not only, as in the induration of the fluid substances of an egg into a chick, by altering the disposition of their parts. *Boyle.*

PETRIFIC. *adj.* [from *petrificus*, Lat.] Having the power to change to stone.
 The aggregated foil
 Death with his mace *petrific*, cold and dry,
 As with a trident, smote. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*

TO PETRIFY. *v. a.* [from *petrification*, Fr. *petra* and *fic*, Lat.] To change to stone.
 Schism is mark out by the apostle to the Hebrews, as a kind of *petrifying* crime, which induces induration. *Decay of Piety.*
 Though their souls be not yet wholly *petrified*, yet every act of sin makes gradual approaches to it. *Decay of Piety.*
 A few resemble *petrified* wood.
 Full in the midst of Euclid dip at once,
 And *petrify* a genius to a dunce. *Pope.*

TO PETRIFY. *v. n.* To become stone.
 Like Niobe we marble grow,
 And *petrify* with grief. *Dryden.*

PETROL. *n. f.* [from *petrole*, Fr.]
PETROLEUM. *n. f.* [from *petrole*, Fr.]
Petrol or *petroleum* is a liquid bitumen, black, floating on the water of springs. *Woodward.*

PETRONEL. *n. f.* [from *petronel*, Fr.] A pistol; a small gun used by a horseman.
 And he with *petronel* upheav'd,
 Instead of shield the blow receiv'd,
 The gun recoil'd as well it might. *Hudibras.*

PETTICOAT. *n. f.* [from *petit* and *coat*.] The lower part of a woman's dress. *Watt.*

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What trade art thou, Fable?—a woman's taylor, sir.—
 Wilt thou make as many holes in an enemy's battle, as thou hast done in a woman's *petticoat*? *Shakespeare.*
 Her feet beneath her *petticoat*,
 Like little mice, stole in and out,
 As if they fear'd the light.
 It is a great compliment to the sex, that the virtues are generally shewn in *petticoats*. *Snelling.*
 To fifty chosen sylphs, of special note,
 We trust th' important charge, the *petticoat*;
 Oft have we known that sevenfold fence to fail,
 Though stiff with hoops, and arm'd with ribs of whale. *Addison.*

PETTIFOGGER. *n. f.* [from *pettifogger*, Fr.] A petty small-rate lawyer.
 The worst conditioned and least cliented *pettifoggers* get, under the sweet bait of revenge, more plentiful prosecution of actions. *Carew's Survey of Cornwall.*
 Your *pettifoggers* damn their souls
 To share with knaves in cheating fools. *Hudibras.*
 Consider, my dear, how indecent it is to abandon your shop and follow *pettifoggers*; there is hardly a plea between two country squires about a barren acre, but you draw yourself in as bail, surety or solicitor. *Arbutnot's Hist. of J. Bull.*
 Physicians are apt to despise empiricks, lawyers, *pettifoggers*, merchants and pedlars.

PETTINESS. *n. f.* [from *petty*.] Smallness; littleness; inconsiderableness; unimportance.
 The losses we have borne, the subjects we
 Have lost, and the disgrace we have digested;
 To answer which, his *pettiness* would bow under. *Shakespeare.*

PETTISH. *adj.* [from *petty*.] Fretful; peevish.
 Nor doth their childhood prove their innocence;
 They're froward, *pettish*, and unus'd to smile. *Creech.*

PETTISHNESS. *n. f.* [from *pettish*.] Fretfulness; peevishness.
 Like children, when we lose our favourite plaything, we throw away the rest in a fit of *pettishness*. *Collier.*

PETTY. *n. f.* [from *petty* and *tee*.]
 1. The feet of a sucking pig.
 2. Fect in contempt.
 My good clown grew so in love with the wenches song,
 that he would not stir his *pettices*, till he had both tune and words. *Shakespeare's Winter's Tale.*

PETTY. [Italian.] The breast; figurative by privacy.
PETTY. *adj.* [from *petit*, Fr.] Small; inconsiderable; inferior; little.
 When he had no power;
 But was a *petty* servant to the state, *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*
 He was your enemy.
 It is a common experience, that dogs know the dog-killer; when, as in time of infection, some *petty* fellow is sent out to kill the dogs. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*
 It importeth not much, some *petty* alteration or difference it may make. *Bacon.*
 Will God incense his ire
 For such a *petty* trespass. *Milton.*
 For such a thousand lesser poets sprung,
 Like *petty* princes from the fall of Rome. *Denham.*
 They believe one only chief and great God, which hath been from all eternity; who when he propoed to make the world, made first other gods of a principal order; and after, the fun, moon and stars, as *petty* gods. *Stillington.*
 By all I have read of *petty* commonwealths, as well as the great ones, it seems to me, that a free people do of themselves divide into three powers. *Swift.*
 Bolonia water'd by the *petty* Rhine. *Addison.*
 Can there an example be given, in the whole course of this war, where we have treated the *pettist* prince, with whom we have had to deal, in so contemptuous a manner. *Swift's Miscellaneous.*

PETTCOY. *n. f.* An herb.

PETULANCE. *n. f.* [from *petulantia*, Fr. *petulantia*, Lat.] Sauciness; pettishness; wantonness.
 It was excellently said of that philosopher, that there was a wall or parapet of teeth set in our mouth, to restrain the *petulance* of our words. *Ben. Johnson.*
 Such was others *petulance*, that they joyed to see their betters shamefully outraged and abused. *King Charles.*
 Wife men knew that which looked like pride in some, and like *petulance* in others, would, by experience in affairs and conversation amongst men, be in time wrought off. *Clarendon.*
 However their numbers, as well as their insolence and perverseness increased, many instances of *petulance* and scurrility are to be seen in their pamphlets. *Swift.*
 There appears in our age a pride and *petulance* in youth, zealous to cast off the sentiments of their fathers and teachers. *Watt's Logick.*

PETULANT. *adj.* [from *petulantia*, Lat. *petulant*, Fr.]
 1. Saucy; perverse.
 If the opponent sees victory to incline to his side, let him shew the force of his arguments, without too importunate and *petulant* demands of an answer. *Watt.*

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 The tongue of a man is so *petulant*, and his thoughts so variable, that one should not lay too great stress upon any present speeches and opinions. *Spektor, N° 439.*

PETULANTLY. *adv.* [from *petulant*.] With petulance; with saucy pertness.

PEW. *n. f.* [from *pieuw*, Dutch.] A seat inclosed in a church.
 When Sir Thomas More was lord chancellor, he did use, at mass, to sit in the chancel, and his lady in a *pew*. *Bacon.*
 Should our sex take it into their heads to wear trunk breeches at church, a man and his wife would fill a whole *pew*. *Addison.*

PEWET. *n. f.* [from *pieuw*, Dutch.]
 1. A water fowl.
 We reckon the dip-chick, so named of his diving and littleness, puffs, *pewets*, meaves. *Carew.*
 2. The lapwing. *Ains.*

PEWTER. *n. f.* [from *pieuter*, Dutch.] A compound of metals; an artificial metal.
 Coarse *pewter* is made of fine tin and lead. *Bacon.*
 The *pewter*, into which no water could enter, became more white, and liker to silver, and less flexible. *Bacon.*
Pewter dishes, with water in them, will not melt easily, but without it they will; nay, butter or oil, in themselves inflammable, yet, by their moisture, will do the like. *Bacon.*

2. The plates and dishes in a house.
 The eye of the mistress was wont to make her *pewter* shine. *Addison.*

PEWTERER. *n. f.* [from *pewter*.] A smith who works in *pewter*.
 He shall charge you and discharge you with the motion of a *pewterer's* hammer. *Shakespeare's Henry IV.*
 We caused a skilful *pewterer* to close the vessel in our presence with solder exquisitely. *Boyle.*

PHENOMENON. *n. f.* This has sometimes *phenomena* in the plural. *Phenomenon*, an appearance in the works of nature. The paper was black, and the colours intense and thick, that the *phenomenon* might be conspicuous. *Newton.*
 These are curiosities of little or no moment to the understanding the *phenomenon* of nature. *Newton.*

PHAGEDEN. *n. f.* [from *phagēda*, Fr. *phagēda*, edo, to eat.] An ulcer, where the sharpness of the humours eats away the flesh.

PHAGEDENICK. *adj.* [from *phagedenique*, Fr.] Eating; corroding.
PHAGEDENICUS. *adj.* [from *phagedenique*, Fr.] Eating; corroding.
Phagedenick medicines, are those which eat away fungus or proud flesh.
 A bubo, according to its malignancy, either proves easily curable, or terminates in a *phagedenick* ulcer with jagged lips. *Wise's Surgery.*
 When they are very putrid and corrosive, which circumstances give them the name of foul *phagedenick* ulcers, some spirits of wine should be added to the fomentation. *Sharp.*

PHALANX. *n. f.* [from *phalanx*, Lat. *phalanx*, Fr.] A troop of men closely embodied.
 Far otherwise th' inviolable faints,
 In cubic *phalanx* firm, advanc'd entire
 Invulnerable, impenetrably arm'd. *Milton's Par. Lost.*
 Who bid the flock, Columbus-like explore
 Heav'n's not his own, and worlds unknown before?
 Who calls the council, states the certain day?
 Who forms the *phalanx*, and who points the way? *Pope.*
 The Grecian *phalanx*, moveless as a tow'r,
 On all sides batter'd, yet resists his pow'r. *Pope.*

PHANTASM. *n. f.* [from *phantasma*, Gr. *phantasma*, Fr.] A phantasm, or apparition.
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 All the interim is
 Like a *phantasma* or a hideous dream. *Shakespeare.*
 This armada is a Spaniard that keeps here in court
 A *phantasma*, a monarcho, and one that makes sport
 To the prince and his book-mates. *Shakespeare.*
 They believe, and they believe amiss, because they be but *phantasms* or apparitions. *Raleigh's Hist. of the World.*
 If the great ones were in forwardness, the people were in fury, entertaining this airy body or *phantasm* with incredible affection; partly out of their great devotion to the house of York, partly out of proud humour. *Bacon's Henry VII.*

Why,
 In this infernal vale first met, thou call'st
 Me father, and that *phantasm* call'st my son. *Milton.*
 Assaying, by his devilish art, to reach
 The organs of her fancy, and with them forge
 Illusions, as he list, *phantasms* and dreams. *Milton.*

PHANTASTICAL. [See **FANTASTICAL**.]
PHANTASTICK. [See **FANTASTICK**.]
PHANTOM. *n. f.* [from *phantasma*, Fr.]
 1. A spectre; an apparition.
 If he cannot help believing, that such things he saw and heard, he may still have room to believe that, what this airy *phantom* said is not absolutely to be relied on. *Atterbury.*
 A constant vapour o'er the palace flies;
 Strange *phantoms* rising as the mists arise;

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Dreadful as hermit's dreams in haunted shades;
 Or bright, as visions of expiring maids. *Pope.*

2. A fancied vision.
 Restless and impatient to try every scheme and overture of present happiness, he hunts a *phantom* he can never overtake. *Roger's Sermons.*

As Pallas will'd, along the sable skies,
 To calm the queen, the *phantom* lister flies. *Pope.*

PHARISAEICAL. *adj.* [from *pharisee*.] Ritual; externally religious, from the sect of the Pharisees, whose religion consisted almost wholly in ceremonies.
 The causes of superstition are pleasing and sensual rites, excess of outward and *pharisaical* holiness, over-great reverence of traditions, which cannot but load the church. *Bacon.*
 Suffer us not to be deluded with *pharisaical* washings instead of christian reformings. *King Charles.*

PHARMACEUTICAL. *adj.* [from *pharmaceutikos*, Gr. *pharmaceutikos*, Fr.]
PHARMACEUTICK. *adj.* [from *pharmaceutikos*, Gr. *pharmaceutikos*, Fr.]
PHARMACEUTIC. *n. f.* [from *pharmaceutikos*, Gr. *pharmaceutikos*, Fr.]
PHARMACEUTICIST. *n. f.* [from *pharmaceutikos*, Gr. *pharmaceutikos*, Fr.]
 One who writes upon drugs.
 The osteocolla is recommended by the common *pharmacologists* as an absorbent and conglutinator of broken bones. *Woodward on Fossils.*

PHARMACOLOGY. *n. f.* [from *pharmakon* and *logos*.] The knowledge of drugs and medicines.
PHARMACOPŌIA. *n. f.* [from *pharmakon* and *poia*.] *Pharmacopoeia*, Fr.] A dispensatory; a book containing rules for the composition of medicines.
PHARMACOPOLIST. *n. f.* [from *pharmakon* and *polis*.] *Pharmacopole*, Fr.] An apothecary; one who sells medicines.
PHARMACY. *n. f.* [from *pharmakon*, a medicine; *pharmacie*, Fr.] The art or practice of preparing medicines; the trade of an apothecary.
 Each dose the goddess weighs with watchful eye,
 So nice her art in impious *pharmacy*. *Garth.*

PHAROS. *n. f.* [from *pharos*, in Egypt.] A light-house; a lantern from the shore to direct sailors.
 He augmented and repaired the port of Ostia, built a *pharos* or light-house. *Arbutnot on Coins.*

PHARYNGOTOMY. *n. f.* [from *pharynx* and *tomy*.] The act of making an incision into the wind-pipe, used when some tumour in the throat hinders respiration.
PHASIS. *n. f.* [from *phasis*, Lat. *phasis*, Fr.]
PHASIS. *n. f.* [from *phasis*, Lat. *phasis*, Fr.]
 Appearance exhibited by any body; as the changes of the moon.
 All the hypotheses yet contrived, were built upon too narrow an inspection of the *phases* of the universe. *Glanvill.*
 He o'er the seas shall love, or fame pursue;
 And other months, another *phasis* view;
 Fixt to the rudder, he shall boldly steer,
 And pass those rocks which Tiphys us'd to fear. *Creech.*

PHASM. *n. f.* [from *phasma*.] Appearance; phantom; fancied apparition.
 Thence proceed many aerial fictions and *phasms*, and chimeras created by the vanity of our own hearts or seduction of evil spirits, and not planted in them by God. *Hammond.*

PHASANT. *n. f.* [from *phasianus*, Fr. *phasianus*, from *Phasis*, the river of Colchis.] A kind of wild cock.
 The hardest to draw are tame birds; as the cock, peacock and *phasant*. *Peachment on Drawing.*
 Preach as I please, I doubt our curious men
 Will chuse a *phasant* still before a hen. *Pope.*

PHOEB. *n. f.* A companion. See **FEER**. *Spenser.*
TO PHEESE. *v. a.* [perhaps to *phasee*.] To comb; to flecce; to curry.
 An he be proud with me, I'll *phasee* his pride. *Shakespeare.*

PHENICOPTER. *n. f.* [from *phenix* and *pteron*.] *Phenicopter*, Lat.] A kind of bird, which is thus described by *Martial*:
Dat mibi penna rubens nomen sed lingua gulefis
Nostri sapit; quid si garrula lingua foret?
 He blended together the livers of gulleheads, the brains of pheasants and peacocks, tongues of *phenicopters*, and the melts of lamproes. *Hakewill on Providence.*

PHENIX. *n. f.* [from *phenix*, Lat. *phenix*, Fr.] The bird which is supposed to exist single, and to rise again from its own ashes.
 There is one tree, the *phenix* throne; one *phenix*
 At this hour reigning there. *Shakespeare's Tempest.*
 To all the fowls he seems a *phenix*. *Milton.*
 Having the idea of a *phenix* in my mind, the first enquiry is, whether such a thing does exist? *Locke.*

PHENOMENON. *n. f.* [from *phenomenon*, Gr. *phenomenon*, Fr.] It is therefore often written *phenomenon*; but being naturalized, it has changed the *e*, which is not in the English language, to *i*.
 1. Appearance; visible quality.
 Short-sighted minds are unfit to make philosophers, whose business it is to describe in comprehensive theories, the *phenomena* of the world and their causes. *Burnet.*
 The most considerable *phenomenon*, belonging to terrestrial bodies, is gravitation, whereby all bodies in the vicinity of the earth press towards its centre. *Bentley's Sermon.*

2. Any thing that strikes by any new appearance.
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